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2. US favors centrist Greek government--The Department of State has expressed its concurrence in the views expressed by US Ambassador Grady in his recent interview with King Paul of Greece concerning the establishment of a centrist government headed by Plastiras. The Department informed Grady that the elimination of Plastiras at this time, and the setting up of an alternative coalition, would be interpreted in the US as a contrived effort to frustrate the will of the Greek people as evidenced in the recent elections and would be likely to create more concern than would any possible subsequent disillusionment concerning the Plastiras government.

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